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BERLIN PAVING PATH TO PEACE IS BELIEF HERE

Real Object of German Campaign for Friendship of U. S. Is Seen.

ENVOY'S APPEAL IS CITED

Bernstorff's Request to Germans to Obey Law Called First Step.

"REAL" FRIENDSHIP IS SOUGHT

Teutons Weary of Fighting and Look to President Wilson, Diplomats Believe.

Following the shock of surprise caused by Ambassador von Bernstorff's appeal yesterday to German-American citizens throughout the United States to obey the laws of the land in which they live, diplomats in Washington know what is going on beneath the cloak of international diplomacy reached the conclusion that Germany's newly-inaugurated campaign for the friendship of Uncle Sam is the first step in paving the way for peace negotiations.

From the President's viewpoint, the Ambassador's announcement is of considerable far-reaching importance if it indicates that Germany will seriously follow its pledge with regard to the abandonment of submarine warfare. As soon as Germany has demonstrated its intention scrupulously to conform to the demands of the United States in this respect the President will really feel that the relations between the two governments may once more be re-established on a firm and friendly basis. But it will take some time for Germany to demonstrate that its illegal submarine warfare is really abandoned.

Kaiser Seeks Peace.

Day by day the news is coming to the State Department from Berlin and Austria that Germany now wants peace. The Kaiser emphasized the desire for an end of the war in his recent talk with American Ambassador Gerard, and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg prior to this informed Mr. Gerard that the imperial government thought the time was approaching when President Wilson might initiate a move for peace. Count von Bernstorff here, acting under instructions from his government, has emphasized the willingness of Germany to make peace and thereby put an end to "the prolonged and useless struggle."

The statement made public by the German Embassy yesterday is as follows: "In consequence of cases which have occurred of late, German Ambassador Bernstorff sent instructions to all German consuls in the United States strongly to impress on German citizens living in their districts that it is their duty scrupulously to obey the laws of the States in which they reside."

Nip German Plot By Wire-Tapping

New York Police Commissioner Says He Worked with U. S. Authorities.

(By the Sun News Service.)

New York, May 18.—Tapping of telephone wires in New York City by the police department was justified today by Police Commissioner Woods, on the grounds that it was done to foil a German plot to ship munitions into Mexico, and to prevent orders from the French minister of finance to firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. leaking out.

Commissioner Woods gave this startling information this afternoon and tonight before the Thompson legislative committee following hours of conference with Mayor Mitchell and District Attorney Swann.

It was stated by the commissioner that the police worked hand in hand with the Federal authorities and that the work was done in the interest of the Federal government.

Gets \$2,500 for Loss of Arm.

London, May 18.—Private Stewart Scobie, of Saskatchewan, a member of the Canadian expeditionary force, today was awarded damages of \$2,500 in the high courts against the London County council. He lost an arm in a tramcar accident some time ago.

Two Men Burn to Death.

Freeport, Pa., May 18.—While by-passers pounced on a bolted door in an effort to wake them, two men, Felix Premis and Frank Goebel, Austrians, were burned to death in their shanty at Kiskimeta Bridge near here today.

Assembly Names Moderator.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 18.—Rev. Dr. John A. Marquis, president of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was elected moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly on the second ballot late this afternoon.

BOY RISKS HIS LIFE IN FIRE TO SAVE VIOLIN

Eight-Year-Old Musician Carried from Flaming Building with Instrument Clashed in Arms.

(By the Sun News Service.)

Philadelphia, May 18.—An 8-year-old musician nearly gave his life for his violin when he was overcome while groping for the instrument in the thick of smoke and fire when a blaze threatened his home today. The young musician is Martin Stockelchick.

Martin and his 14-year-old brother Morris are both musicians. When the fire was discovered Morris ran into the cellar for his instrument, while Martin dashed upstairs ahead of his father into the flames and smoke to save his violin.

The fire was getting fiercer when Truck 11 and "Bill" Flynn arrived. Flynn dashed up the stairs and the boy was saved. When the fireman climbed down the ladder, which his comrades had put up for him, something was clutched in the hands of the boy he was carrying—it was the violin.

WOMAN FALLS 7 STORIES DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT

(By the International News Service.)

Baltimore, Md., May 18.—Thrown under an elevator in the Continental Building shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, aged 65 years, the mother of Joseph H. Thomas, cashier of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, with office on the eighth floor of the Continental Building, fell seven stories to the basement and was instantly killed.

Harry O. Lerp, an employee of the Consolidation Coal and Coke Company, broke his right arm in a heroic effort to save the aged woman's life.

PENROSE PERSONALLY LOSES TO GOVERNOR

(By the Sun News Service.)

Philadelphia, Pa., May 18.—Had Tuesday's primaries been a personal contest between Senator Penrose and Gov. Brumbaugh, the senior Senator would have been a defeated candidate.

Penrose personally lost the State to the governor by a vote, which in unbiased political circles is considered a serious setback to Penrose leadership.

Returns from 5,394 districts out of 6,891 on national delegates tonight give:

Brumbaugh, 161,811; Oliver, 141,974; Penrose, 155,692; Smith, 130,72.

Incomplete returns indicate a fairly close division of the Pennsylvania delegation between Penrose and the governor.

BURNS HOME TO GET MONEY FOR ILL WIFE

(By the Sun News Service.)

Logansport, Ind., May 18.—John C. Bowen, aged 42, pleaded guilty today to a charge of arson, was sentenced to prison for two to twenty-one years, and disfranchised for three years. His wife was acquitted on the same charge.

It was said that Mrs. Bowen's health had been failing and physicians advised that she go south in search of a kinder climate. Bowen attempted to burn his home, in order to collect the insurance money, with which to meet the expenses of the health seeking trip for Mrs. Bowen.

SUPERCILIOUS JANITORS TO GET A RUDE SHOCK

(By the Sun News Service.)

Detroit, Mich., May 18.—Secretary of the Board of Education Gadd, aroused because Detroit's apartment house janitors refuse to recognize the existence of children sufficiently to admit school census takers to apartment buildings, has appealed to Police Commissioner Gillespie.

Gadd asks that when called, a patrolman be sent with the census takers and the janitors held in check while the noses of children living in the apartment houses—if any—are counted.

STATE MILITIA GUARDS \$750,000 OF "BOOZE"

(International News Service.)

Girard, Ala., May 18.—Alabama State militia today is guarding \$750,000 worth of whiskey and beer, martial law has been declared and county officers of this county and Muskogee County, Ga., just across the State line, are stationed at the two bridges to keep the crowds from Columbus, Ga., from swarming across the Chattahoochee to take the liquor for their own use.

State and county officers continue to make raids on blind tigers in the vicinity of Girard, adding to the stock of liquor now being guarded.

Britain to Pay U. S. Shippers.

London, May 18.—The foreign office today announced that the British government has paid \$13,000 to the owners of the big American schooner, Edw. B. Winslow, which was severely damaged in a collision with the British converted cruiser Caronia off New York harbor on April 13, 1915.

Pope Would End U-Boat War.

London, May 18.—The Vatican has made representations to Germany in an effort to have Germany abandon her submarine warfare. It was announced in commons today by Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary.

President, In Theater Box, Cables to London to Halt Shooting of Alleged Rebel

In dramatic fashion, president Wilson last night moved to save the life of an American citizen, sentenced to be executed by an English firing squad in the London Tower at daybreak this morning.

The American is Jeremiah C. Lynch, formerly of New York, charged with complicity in the recent Irish revolt. He had been tried by court martial and found guilty, and his execution has been fixed for 4 o'clock this morning.

A stay of execution was practically demanded last night by President Wilson as a result of information laid before him by Senator O'Gorman.

Senator O'Gorman acted upon the entreaties of friends of the supposed Irish sympathizer in New York.

Last night when he went to the White House to appeal to the President to utilize the power of the United States in order to secure a greater assurance of justice for one of its citizens the President was at the theater with Mrs. Wilson.

The Senator found the President's secretary, Joseph Patrick Tumulty, and laid the case before him.

He declared that already it might be

too late for the United States government to accomplish anything in Lynch's behalf, and that if action were delayed until the President returned from the theater, he said it almost certainly would be in vain.

Summoning a White House automobile Mr. Tumulty hastened to the theater where the President was sitting with Mrs. Wilson and called him to the back of his box for a conference.

Mr. Tumulty's entry produced a little flurry of excitement in the crowded theater where both the President and his secretary had been recognized.

Leaving over the President's chair Tumulty presented Lynch's case as forcefully as he could. The President listened gravely.

After leaving the facts the President directed Mr. Tumulty to get in touch immediately with Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk and inform him of the President's wish that he cable the British Foreign Office with all possible dispatch asking that Lynch's execution be postponed until the United States could make inquiries as to the evidence against him and an opportunity afforded for relatives here to present new facts.

Girls Prisoners Two Years In Apartment With Mother

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, May 18.—For two years it is charged that Frances Weeks, 21 years old, and her sister Florence, 19, were kept prisoners by their mother, Mrs. Emma Hall, in an apartment on the second floor of 166 Stuyvesant avenue, Brooklyn, until last night they were rescued by officers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The girls and their mother are now in the observation ward of Kings County Hospital. The doctors said that the mother should be examined as to her sanity and that the girls were anemic and showed mental strain.

Admission was denied the society agents after coaxing the women inside for an hour. Finally, Adam Hall, a park laborer,

er, 70 years old, the husband of the girls' mother, arrived with food for the trio.

At the request of the superintendent he got his wife to open the door. Furniture, which had been carried to the place two years before, still remained unpacked.

There was dust and dirt everywhere. The windows had been locked so long that the latches were corroded. The shades were drawn and three thicknesses of newspapers helped to darken the apartment. Mrs. Hall said that sunlight was bad for the girls.

The mother and girls had slept on chairs. The girls were told to rise when the ambulance arrived. They did so and immediately fell back into their chairs. They had to be carried to the ambulance.

NEGRO THIEF BEATS WOMAN

Purse-Snatcher Attacks Mrs. Bertha Young, Former U. S. Official's Wife.

KNOCKS WOMAN INSENSIBLE IN ALLEY AT REAR OF HOME

Mrs. Bertha Young, 45 years old, wife of Charles E. Young, former assistant superintendent of the Government Printing Office, was attacked by a negro in an alley in rear of her home at 75 Rhode Island avenue northwest yesterday afternoon and beaten into insensibility before aid reached her.

Mrs. Young screamed when the negro attacked her and tried to pull her purse from her hands, but before neighbors reached the scene the man had fled, taking the purse. It contained only \$3.

Friends found Mrs. Young unconscious in the alley, bleeding from three cuts in the head. The wounds apparently were made with the blade of a hatchet or some similar weapon. Mrs. Young was carried to the office of Dr. W. F. McLaughlin, at First street and Rhode Island avenue.

She was revived and her wounds were treated. She was taken home and there recovered sufficiently to give an accurate description of her assailant to the police.

Mrs. Young said she left her home and walked to a grocery where she made purchases for dinner. Instead of returning home by the street, she said, she made a short cut through the alley. There she met the negro, who, without saying a word, tried to grab the purse. As Mrs. Young struggled the negro drew the weapon and beat her on the head until she fell.

HAMILTON STILL IN RACE.

Methodist Episcopal Conference Selects Only Two Bishops.

Saratoga, N. Y., May 18.—After balloting for three days with no result, the General Conference tonight elected Dr. Herbert Welch, president of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and Dr. Thomas Nicholson, of New York, as bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The highest among the other candidates were Matt S. Hughes, Pasadena, Cal., 498; William F. Oldham, New York, 382; Charles B. Mitchell, Chicago, 344; Rev. Dr. Franklin Hamilton, Washington, D. C., 330; Ezra Tipton, Madison, N. J., 318; and Ernest G. Richardson, Brooklyn, 305.

Five Hurt in Car Wreck.

Braintree, Mass., May 18.—The smoking car on a train leaving Braintree for Boston this afternoon toppled off the trucks on its side as the train pulled out of the Braintree depot and five men were injured.

ORPET TO USE 'BOOK OF FATE'

First Reader in Chemistry, Read by Marian Lambert, to Be in Evidence.

DEFENSE PLANS TO SHOW GIRL STUDIED POISONS

(By the Sun News Service.)

Chicago, May 18.—Testimony of school companions of Miss Marian Lambert regarding her interest in a lesson on the composition and effects of cyanide of potassium, today loomed as the most important part of the defense to be offered by William Orpet, on trial in Waukegan for the murder of Miss Lambert.

It was announced that several school companions, members of the chemistry class to which Miss Lambert belonged, would be summoned as witnesses when the taking of testimony is begun. Chief among them will be Raymond Russell, of Lake Forest, who occupied the chair next to Miss Lambert's at the lecture. Russell today produced the "Book of Fate," a first course in chemistry around which the prosecution and defense will wage their tenacious battle, and told of the lesson on cyanide of potassium, which they had in their chemistry class the day before the girl drank the poison in Helm's wood in Lake Forest. It is the theory of the defense that the suggestion of suicide resulted from this chemistry lesson.

Little progress was made today in the selection of a jury. Three have so far been chosen.

GRAY-CLAD "VETS" PARADE.

Procession in Birmingham Is Seven Miles Long.

Birmingham, Ala., May 18.—Following the grand parade, seven and a half miles long, this afternoon, the United Confederate Veterans tonight adjourned their annual reunion to meet in Washington next year.

The parade was witnessed by 200,000 cheering spectators, who crowded to the line of march as the gray-clad veterans passed in review. Many battalions carried the same flags under which they had fought for four years in the '60's.

Investigating Sullivan's Arrest.

London, May 18.—Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, announced in commons today that the arrest of James Mark Sullivan, former American Ambassador to Santo Domingo, is being investigated and that the result would be transmitted to W. H. Page, the United States Ambassador.

Girls Menaced by Blast.

Detroit, Mich., May 18.—Sixty persons, many of them girls, barely escaped with their lives when an explosion partially destroyed the four-story brick building at 159 Jefferson avenue late today. Flames completely destroyed the building. The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

FRENCH CHECK TEUTONS WITH FIRE-CURTAIN

Furious Drive Against Bois d'Avocourt-Hill 304 Front Fails.

HEAVY LOSSES INFLICTED

Bombardment Preceding Attack Continues, with Defenders' Guns Replying.

FURTHER CHARGES EXPECTED

Austrians Believed to Have Launched Long-Awaited Offensive with View to Invading Northern Italy.

(By The Sun News Service.)

Paris, May 18.—Another attempt was made by the Germans this afternoon to break through the French line on the west bank of the Meuse. The on the west bank of the Meuse The French trenches were subjected to the usual violent preparatory bombardment before the German infantry left its trenches, but the moment the attack was launched the French fire curtain was thrown out and the mitrailleuses were brought into action, checking the Germans before they had reached the French positions apparently with heavy losses.

The German artillery is still continuing its bombardment in this sector, indicating a probability that further attacks are to be launched.

The French guns are replying. In this same sector last night, the Germans made several attempts to recover the Avocourt redoubt, in the Bois d'Avocourt, recently captured by the French. The repeated attacks were thrown back by the French fire, the Germans suffering serious losses.

French Attacks Successful.

Two French attacks on the western bank of the Meuse, both undertaken at 3 o'clock this morning, met with success. One of these operations, a surprise attack, recovered a trench north of Hill 387, between Hill 304 and the Bois d'Avocourt, while the other gave the French, after heavy fighting, a small German fort on the northeast slope of Hill 304.

The activity of the French aerial squadrons was continued last night with raids on railway stations and supply depots in the region north of Verdun and extending as far as Metz.

Austrians Attack.

London, May 18.—The Austrian attack against the Italian lines in the Trentino region, begun on Monday of this week, regarded in Rome and in the Swiss cities near the front, as the beginning of the long-awaited general Austrian offensive with the carrying of the war into northern Italy as its object.

A dispatch received tonight from the Rome correspondent of the Sun News Service says:

"The objective of the Austrian offensive is now fully revealed. It undoubtedly is an attempt at an invasion between the Adige and the Branta rivers. The Italians have foreseen such an attempt, and are prepared to resist it. The Austrian losses already are very heavy and it is not considered likely that the Italians will long remain on the defensive."

DITCHES WILSON FOR T. R.

Michigan Democrat Says President Has Repudiated Platform.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 18.—Charles H. Sligh, a Democrat for many years and a Presidential elector from the Fifth Michigan Congressional district four years ago, has repudiated President Wilson and his party and has taken a stand for Theodore Roosevelt and national preparedness.

In explanation, Mr. Sligh says: "President Wilson has repudiated not only this plank, but many other planks in the Democratic platform of four years ago. I do not believe there is any man who is bigger than his party."

GERMAN SHIP SUNK.

Steamer Hera Torpedoed by British Submarine.

London, May 18.—A Central News dispatch from Copenhagen reports the torpedoing of the German steamship Hera by a British submarine in the Baltic Sea. The captain was taken prisoner.

The crew of the Hera was rescued by a British vessel and taken to Stockholm. The Hera was owned by the German-American Petroleum Company, of Hamburg. She was bound from Stockholm to a German port.

Naval Supply Ship Launched.

Boston, Mass., May 18.—The new naval supply ship Bridge, was launched at the Charlestown Navy Yard today in the presence of 10,000 spectators. It was the first naval vessel built here since 1870.

Severe Earthquake in Italy.

Milan, Italy, May 18.—A severe earthquake occurred in the Romagna region today. No details as to damage or loss of life have been received.

\$10,500,000,000 Spent By France on Warfare

By International News Service.

Paris, May 18.—The French war appropriation since the beginning of the conflict totals \$10,500,000,000 according to a statement read in the chamber of deputies today by Finance Minister Ribot.

For the third trimester of the current year he demands \$1,578,270,000.

The budget proposals for 1917, introduced today, will yield, it is estimated \$180,000,000 additional.

The revenue proposals include an increase of the income tax assessment from 2 to 5 per cent, double taxes on homes and business properties, a new dog tax, increased liquor duties, and the abolition of the private distilling privilege, which is the root and cause of France's drink problem.

DANIELS' NAVY PLAN BEATEN

House Committee Decides on Battle Cruisers Instead of Dreadnoughts.

BILL PLANS EXPENDITURE OF \$240,000,000 FOR YEAR

Battle Cruisers Will Have Ten 14-inch Guns and Speed of Thirty-five Knots.

The House Committee on Naval Affairs yesterday discarded the five-year building program of Secretary Daniels, recommended the construction of battle cruisers in lieu of Dreadnoughts and adopted a naval increase program to cost approximately \$240,000,000 and calling for the following new vessels:

Five battle cruisers, each with a speed of 35 knots, twenty submarines of which three will be of the fleet type and seven for coast defense; four scout cruisers, ten destroyers; one hospital ship; one fuel ship; and one ammunition ship.

When it is reported to the House the naval appropriation bill will carry a total of approximately \$240,000,000. This is more than \$80,000,000 in excess of the total of last year's bill.

Daniels' Plan Not Discussed.

The abandonment of the Dreadnought as the vessel of the first line of defense was the surprise of the committee's session. The five-year building program of Secretary Daniels was not discussed in the committee. The committee voted just as though no comprehensive scheme had been presented by Daniels.

The five battle cruisers authorized by the House committee are to cost \$20,425,000 each. Each vessel will carry ten 14-inch guns.

Seventeen coast defense submarines will cost \$12,225,000 and three fleet submarines \$2,600,000.

It is estimated that the four scout cruisers provided will cost \$5,572,000 each.

Kitchen Is Satisfied.

The ten destroyers will cost \$1,225,000 each; the hospital ship \$2,600,000; the fuel ship \$1,364,000, and the ammunition ship \$2,715,000.

Representative Claude Kitchen, the Democratic floor leader, announced this afternoon that he was satisfied with the action of the Naval Committee and would not oppose the naval budget.

The bill will increase the personnel of the navy by 13,500 enlisted men, 3,000 marines.

Other principal appropriations to be carried in the measure, which will be reported within a few days, are:

Aeronautics, \$2,000,000.

Drydocks at Philadelphia and Norfolk to cost \$1,500,000 each.

CONVENTION PLANS MADE.

Draft of Program Provides for Only Three Days at Chicago.

Chicago, May 18.—Candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency on the Republican ticket probably will be nominated by the Republican national convention Friday, June 9, or the following day.

Secretary James B. Reynolds today completed a tentative draft of the program for the convention to be submitted to the meeting of the national committee June 1, and while minor changes may be made, the program as announced today is expected to be adopted as a whole by the national committee.

The program as formulated provides for only a three days' meet.

New Altitude Record Made.

Milan, Italy, May 18.—A new world's record for altitude with an aeroplane carrying a passenger has just been made at the Mirafiori aerodrome by Victor Luvet who ascended 20,460 feet.

Four Burned in Explosion.

Bayonne, N. J., May 18.—Four men were badly burned in an explosion in the plant of the Tidewater Oil Company here today.

\$1.00 to Frederick, \$1.25 to Hagerstown and return. Baltimore and Ohio, 8:00 a. m. Sunday, May 21.—Ad.

RAID EXPOSES MEXICAN PLOT ON U. S. SOIL

Wireless Outfit, Rifles and Ammunition, Seized in Douglas, Ariz.

PLANNED TO SACK CITY

Second Punitive Expedition Menaced on Two Sides by Hostile Forces.

YAQUI INDIANS DRAWING NEAR

American Noncommissioned Officer Killed While on Mexican Territory. Consuls Gather for Conference.

(By the International News Service.)

Douglas, Ariz., May 18.—A fully equipped wireless plant and a score of rifles and cartridge cases were seized by the military police in a raid tonight on a Mexican house in the heart of the city.

An American woman who had seen Mexicans carrying heavy parcels into the house notified the police. The officers found the wireless plant in the back yard and in the house an arsenal of rifles and other ammunition.

The house, according to the police, was being used as a secret meeting place for the Mexican plotters. They said tonight that the plotters were Carranzistas. The arms had been accumulated for the purpose of co-operating with the forces across the boundary line in a raid on Douglas if intervention took place.

For several weeks military and civil officers have been chasing reports that Mexicans of Douglas and Pinalville, a near suburb, were conspiring to pull off an uprising in Douglas. The plot, as far as the Secret Service men had been able to learn prior to tonight, specified banks, principal business houses and numerous residences for the expected carnival of pillage.

American Force Menaced.

Marathon, Tex., May 18.—The second punitive expedition was menaced tonight by hostile forces on two sides.

Rosario Hernandez, former Yaqui leader, with 400 well-armed men was reported at Laguna de Car, ninety miles southwest of Mar. Langhorne's camp at Cerro Blanco. Four hundred Yaqui Indians were said to be marching toward the American lines from Cuatro Ciénegas, 120 miles away, with the intention of driving gringos from Mexico.

Neither Mexican force was within less than two days' march of the Americans. Col. W. F. Sibley, with three troops of the Fourteenth Cavalry, were reported at El Pino, seventy miles south